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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

FCC AND FDA TO HOST JOINT WORKSHOP ON MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND WIRELESS TEST BEDS

Washington, D.C. - On Tuesday, March 31, 2015, the Federal Communications Commission and the Food and Drug Administration will host a workshop titled “Promoting Medical Technology Innovation – The Role of Wireless Test Beds.” Health care facilities commonly confront questions about the safe coexistence of the wide variety of wireless devices in use in clinical settings. In addition, consumers are increasingly embracing wireless health and care management tools at home and the emergence of the “hospital in the home” concept opens new avenues of medical technology innovation that must take into account the need for reliable and safe coexistence. Wireless test beds provide an opportunity to predict how a device will perform in the real world, before clinicians and consumers have to rely on them to work as intended in spectrum-crowded environments.

This free, public workshop will convene experts from industry, medicine, academia, and government to focus on the role of wireless medical test beds and their influence on the development of converged medical technology for clinical and non-clinical settings. The workshop is another step in the ongoing FDA/FCC collaboration and leadership in promoting innovative medical technologies and is being organized by the Connect2Health^{FCC} Task Force, the FCC Office of Engineering and Technology, and the FDA Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

WHAT: Promoting Medical Technology Innovation – The Role of Wireless Test Beds

The workshop will feature FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, and Dr. William Maisel, Deputy Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health at FDA. They will be joined by keynote speaker Dr. Harry Greenspun, Director, Center for Health Solutions at Deloitte Services LP, and other experts in the field. An agenda and full list of moderators and discussants is available [online](#).

WHEN: Tuesday, March 31, 2015; 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., EDT

WHERE: FCC Headquarters Commission Meeting Room
445 12th St. S.W., Room TW-C305, Washington, D.C. 20554

NOTE: The event will also be live-streamed on fcc.gov/live. More information about the workshop is available at www.fcc.gov/health.

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